

## WORK BEGINS ON MEMBRANE TREATMENT PLANT

After five years of planning, study and design, ground has been broken for the construction of a new Membrane Water Treatment Plant located at 435 14th Ave. S. The new facility will be constructed right next to the existing Water Treatment Plant and the two plants will be capable of operating independently or in combination. The construction is necessary because of changing water quality conditions on the Sheyenne River due to Devils Lake discharges. In addition, the new Membrane Water Treatment Plant will increase the City's overall treatment capacity from 30 million gallons per day (MGD) to 45 MGD. On an annual basis, the City uses the Sheyenne River about 40% of the time. For that reason, Fargo Enterprise Director Bruce Grubb says "The Membrane Water Treatment Plant is critical for the continued production of safe, high-quality drinking water for our customers." The membranes will remove the elevated concentrations of sulfate, bromide and hardness.

### Design and landscaping

The new Membrane Water Treatment Plant will be constructed immediately to the north of the existing Water Treatment Plant. Neighborhood residents will see the same architectural design as the existing Water Treatment Plant. The landscaping along 13th Avenue South will include native grasses and plants with a meandering retaining wall incorporating a replica of the Red River.

### Traffic impacts

During construction of the new Membrane Water Treatment Plant, drivers will experience some impacts. 4th Street South, east of the existing Water Treatment Plant, will be closed between 13th and 14th Avenues South.



*An aerial view of the NW corner of the Water Treatment Plant located along 13th Avenue South and 5th Street.*



*The north side of the building showing the retaining wall and replica of the Red River.*

Traffic on 4th Street South will be detoured to 5th Street South. Trucks hauling dirt, gravel, concrete, building materials and equipment will also be present in the area. For more information about the new Membrane Water Treatment Plant, please visit us online at [www.cityoffargo.com/water](http://www.cityoffargo.com/water).



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# Calling all volunteers!



*Thank you to the Vocational Training Center for adopting 17th Avenue South!*

Do you want to help keep Fargo tidy? We have an opportunity for you! Groups and businesses are invited to participate in the City of Fargo's Adopt-a-Street program. The program, which was first started in 1999, pairs local groups with streets in need of adoption. Groups interested in participating are asked to make a

two year verbal commitment during which they pick up litter along boulevards, ditches and fences. The city will provide garbage bags and collect the full bags.

We ask that volunteers pick up the area on a monthly basis. After a street is adopted, a sign will be posted in the area stating the name of the adoptive group.

Below is a list of some roadways currently in need of adoption:

- 42nd Street South (40th - 52nd Avenue)
- 45th Street South (Main Avenue to I-94)
- 40th Avenue South (I-29 to 45th Street)
- 25th Street South (I-94 to 52nd Avenue)
- South University Drive (I-94 to 32nd Avenue South)
- Cass County 20 (Red River to Old 81)
- 38th Street South (Curved frontage road running from 13th Avenue to 42nd Street)

Many other streets are also in need of adoption. For more information call the Street Department at 241-1453 or visit [www.cityoffargo.com](http://www.cityoffargo.com) and search "Adopt-a-Street."

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE

### **Independence Day July 4 – Week of June 29:**

Garbage and recycling will not be collected on Friday, July 3. The Friday route will be collected one day early and the remainder of the week will run on schedule. The Sanitary Landfill will be closed on Friday, July 3. The landfill will be open on Saturday, July 4.

### **Labor Day Sept. 7 – week of Sept. 7:**

Monday collection will be on Tuesday and the remainder of the week will run on schedule. The Sanitary Landfill will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7.

The Solid Waste Division reminds residents to please bag all of their garbage and tie the bags. On windy days garbage cart lids often blow open creating a trail of trash in the neighborhood as the garbage cans are emptied. This can be avoided if we "tie" together. Please call 241-1449 with questions.

Summer hours are now in effect at the Fargo Landfill, 4501 7th Ave. N. Hours are as follows:

- Monday - Friday: 7:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday: 7:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please contact the Scale House if you have Landfill related questions at 282-2489.

## JOB SITE CLEANLINESS

With construction season in high gear, contractors are asked to keep their job sites tidy. Inspectors from the City of Fargo Inspections Department recommend doing a walk through of the job site at the end of each work day in order to pick up debris that can be easily blown to neighboring properties. Some of the most common items include building paper, sheets of plastic, shingles, packaging and pieces of insulation. "It's really in their best interest to be cognizant of the neatness of their site as passersby know which contractors are working in the area," said Ron Strand, Inspections Administrator. Strand also reminds residents to be responsible for their own property whether it is developed or not. "Unfortunately, there is no way to identify where the litter came from when it lands on your property. It becomes the property owner's responsibility to pick it up," he stated. For more information on the City's littering ordinance, please go to [www.cityoffargo.com/ordinances](http://www.cityoffargo.com/ordinances) and review City Ordinance 11-09.



# PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

A new parking management company called Interstate Parking is now overseeing the day to day operations of the City owned parking facilities in Fargo. The City of Fargo currently operates seven parking lots and three structured parking facilities. These equate to approximately 1,600 off-street spaces.

Interstate Parking and the Fargo Parking Commission are currently working on several important changes including the integration of technology and automation at certain facilities, providing customers with electronic payment options as well as online account management services and the implementation of an off-street enforcement or parking ticket program. In addition, Interstate Parking is working on the creation of a recognizable parking logo in an effort to make public parking easier to recognize and use for residents, visitors and customers. Watch for the unveiling of the logo soon! Learn more online at [www.FargoParking.com](http://www.FargoParking.com).

## *Flood insurance resources*

If you have questions about flood insurance there are many resources available to help answer your questions.

Licensed insurance agents are the single best source for flood insurance questions.

At [www.FargoFloodInsurance.com](http://www.FargoFloodInsurance.com) you can find information about searching the flood map, Letters of Map Revision (LOMA), lender dispute options and more.

Remember this important fact – even though a levee may have been built in your neighborhood it does not automatically remove the federal insurance requirement on mortgages. Due to our region's flat topography neighborhood levees must be incorporated into a system that ties into natural high ground that is at or above the 100-year floodplain.

In addition to being constructed to US Army Corps of Engineers standards and certified by a registered professional engineer, all flood protection levees must be fully accredited by FEMA before the insurance requirement is lifted. Want to know more about a local project? Search "flood control projects" at [www.cityoffargo.com](http://www.cityoffargo.com).

## STREETSALIVE!

On June 14, July 12, and Aug. 30 three miles of Fargo-Moorhead's downtown streets will come alive with movement. StreetsAlive!, in its sixth year, helps to encourage active living (and healthy eating) by opening the streets to any form of human-powered movement while shining the light on the importance of building our communities in a way that makes it easy to walk and bicycle to destinations. Email Sara Watson Curry [sara@greatridesfargo.com](mailto:sara@greatridesfargo.com) if you would like to get involved.

## *Free rides downtown*



No more playing musical parking spaces in downtown Fargo-Moorhead. Starting in June, a free circulator bus will begin operating from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The circulator will have 10 designated stops in downtown Fargo

and Moorhead. "This new free ride option will make it easier for people visiting downtown to see all that it has to offer. They can park in any of the city owned lots for the afternoon and ride the circulator from place to place instead of having to re-park their car," said Fargo City Commissioner Mike Williams. The circulator will be free to ride and the route can be found online at [www.MATBUS.com](http://www.MATBUS.com). In June, the circulator planning committee will be calling on local artists to participate in an art contest! The winning design(s) will be placed on the ceiling inside the circulator. Another local flair passengers will be able to enjoy while riding the circulator is listening to selected music from regional musicians. Watch for more information about the art contest and music on the City of Fargo website, [www.cityoffargo.com](http://www.cityoffargo.com), and on the City and MATBUS Facebook and Twitter pages.

## MATBUS PROMOTIONS

### Summer Youth Pass

Adventure is just around the Corner with the Summer Youth Pass! Make transporting your youth grades K - 12 easy and efficient by taking MATBUS.

Check out the benefits:

- \$26 (3 months for the price of 1)
- Unlimited Rides June 1—Aug. 31, 2015
- Valid on Moorhead & Fargo MATBUS vehicles
- On sale now at the Ground Transportation Center in downtown Fargo

### Read Books and Ride with MATBUS

MATBUS is providing free rides to youth grades K-12 going to and from the Fargo, West Fargo and Moorhead Public Libraries when they show the bus driver their Library card now through Aug. 31.

# Water: Key to success



*Supplemental water will help trees withstand pest attacks.*

Newly planted trees typically do not have a well established root system and will need watering every 7-10 days. Healthy, mature trees can handle dry conditions for one season, but season after season could cause them to become stressed. Supplemental watering will help these trees withstand pest attacks, like aphids, and remain healthy. A long, slow soaking at the branch tips is the most effective. In addition to watering, consider wood chip mulch. Spreading mulch three to four inches deep as far out as the lower branch tips is best. Be sure to keep mulch three to six inches away from the base of the tree.

Supplemental watering, especially when summer conditions are hot and dry, and the use of wood chip mulch, will go a long way to helping your trees better withstand dry conditions and common pests, and remain healthy. For more information, please visit [www.cityoffargo.com/forestry](http://www.cityoffargo.com/forestry) or call 241-1465.

## FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer is here, but Fargo Public Schools is gearing up for the 2015-16 school year! Please note the following:

- The Fargo School Board approved new middle and high school boundaries for the 2016-17 school year. See all boundary maps at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/boundarymaps](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/boundarymaps).
- It's not too late to register for the 2016-17 school year. All middle and high schools are open most of the summer; please call ahead of your visit. See the list of elementary schools open for registration during the summer at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/registrationforms](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/registrationforms).
- The 2015-16 school year starts on Thursday, Aug. 27. See the 2016-17 school year calendar at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/calendars](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/calendars).

For more information, visit the district website at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us) or call 701-446-1000.

# Register your camera



*SafeCam is free and secure.  
Register online at [www.FargoPolice.com](http://www.FargoPolice.com).*

SafeCam is a program offered by the Fargo Police Department that allows citizens and business owners to register the locations of their video surveillance systems with the Police Department. When a crime occurs, we will be able to identify the locations of the video surveillance systems and enlist registrants.

help to collect video evidence.

The goal of SafeCam is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the Fargo Police Department and the community we serve. Citizens and business owners who register with the program will receive a window sticker to show they are participating in the program. Placing the sticker in a visible location may act as a deterrent to crime.

SafeCam is free and secure. Registration is quick, easy and can be deleted at any time. Register a camera today at [www.FargoPolice.com](http://www.FargoPolice.com).

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS



Connect with your neighborhood on Nextdoor.com! Nextdoor is a free and private social media network for neighborhoods. The Fargo Police Department has partnered with Nextdoor to connect with the residents of Fargo and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch efforts to make Fargo even stronger and safer. Many neighborhoods in Fargo are already using Nextdoor to find trustworthy local resources. The site can also be used to report suspicious activity to and receive safety tips from the Fargo Police Department. Organize neighborhood events, such as garage sales and block parties, and receive notifications of events put on by the Fargo Police Department. Visit [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) today to connect with your neighborhood group!





# FROM THE FIREHOUSE

If you are considering a recreational fire this summer please remember there are important rules in place to help protect your property and your neighbors. Recreational fires cannot be located within 25 feet of a structure (including decks and fences) or other combustible material unless they are in an approved container designed for this purpose, such as a screened appliance. Even in an approved container, they still must be at least 15 feet from structures. All recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A fire extinguisher or a garden hose must be available for immediate use. Make sure that the fire is completely extinguished when you are done enjoying it. All open burning, including recreational fires, is banned during red flag warnings or when the fire danger is at the high, very high, or extreme level. Visit [www.FargoFire.com](http://www.FargoFire.com) and click on the recreational fires link located on the right hand side of the page for more information.

Respectfully,

Ryan Erickson  
Fire Marshal



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## *Fire hydrant flushing underway*

The Fargo Fire Department flushes hydrants annually to ensure that they are in proper working order. When a hydrant is flushed in your area, iron oxide may occasionally become dislodged and cause your tap water to become rust-colored. If this happens, allow your faucet to run for a minute or two and the water should clear up. If you happen to be washing clothes, you may call 241-1469 to receive a small packet of detergent that will remove the rust from clothing. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution when approaching an area where hydrant flushing is in progress. If a public fire hydrant is not functioning properly, an "out of order" ring will be placed on it and the hydrant will be repaired as soon as possible. Hydrant flushing will be completed by fall.

## *Play it safe this July 4*

The Fourth of July is just around the corner and we're asking you to play it safe, and let the professionals handle the fireworks. Professional fireworks make a better display, which you and your family can watch safely.

The possession, sale and use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of Fargo. Enforcement options available to officers include a verbal warning or a written citation that carries a mandatory court appearance and a \$100 fine. Juveniles would be referred to juvenile court. The person also usually forfeits their fireworks. Learn more about fireworks safety online at [www.FargoFire.com](http://www.FargoFire.com).

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## Public Health

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*A bed bug is roughly the size of an apple seed.*

## TRAVELING & BED BUG HITCHHIKERS

Since travel is one of the most common ways to come in contact with bed bugs, here is some information you should know.

Bed bugs are small, six legged, flat, parasitic insects that feed solely on the blood of people and animals while they sleep. Bed bugs are reddish-brown in color, wingless, and roughly the size of an apple seed. They hide during the day and are not seen or suspected until bites are observed.

Bed bugs are often transported into a dwelling on or in items such as used or discarded box springs, clothing, furniture, purses and luggage. Hotels, apartments, shelters or any other multi-unit dwelling are at risk. Bed Bugs are often found in the following areas :

- the seams and creases of mattresses and box springs
- under couches, chairs and beds
- between the cushions of couches and chairs
- behind loose wall paper, paintings, posters and cracks in plaster
- behind baseboards and door casings and in drawers
- under area rugs and edges of carpets and between curtain folds
- cracks in bed frames
- telephones, radios, clocks or other electronic devices

Bed bugs can also travel (migrate) from room to room or apartment to apartment by moving along electrical wiring, pipes and other conduits.

Bed bugs can survive without a blood meal for several months dependent on conditions. So if a room or home is vacated, it does not mean that the bed bug problem has been resolved.

For more information on bed bugs, go to [www.epa.gov/bedbugs](http://www.epa.gov/bedbugs).

## *Fargo Fact:*

**1,516 tons of garbage was collected during Cleanup Week. Three semi trailer loads of electronics were collected at the annual Electronics Recycling Event.**

## PNEUMONIA PREVENTION

Pneumovax 13, a pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine, is now recommended for all people 65 years of age and over.

Pneumovax, a traditional pneumonia shot, should be administered at least one year after Pneumovax 13. Both are recommended. After both immunizations, recipients are covered against 36 strains of Streptococcus pneumoniae. Medicare Part B now pays for Pneumovax and Pneumovax 13. Fargo Cass Public Health offers Pneumovax 13 and Pneumovax. Please call 701-241-1383 for an appointment or for more information.

# Every Hero has a Story



*The Summer Reading Program begins June 1.*

amount of time they read (or are read to) and can earn prizes. In addition, the weekly programs and events keep children reading over the summer and provide families opportunities to spend time together.

## Special events this summer include:

- Superhero Training Academy
- Visits by local Search & Rescue Dogs
- Visits by the Fargo Fire Department
- Real-Life Superhero Technology
- The Mayhem Masquerade
- Free Friday Movies

The library's annual reading program helps keep kids reading over the summer, because youngsters who read during summer vacation enter the new school year ready to learn. The library also has a reading program for younger children who are not yet reading, because kids get ready to read long before they start school. Events are free and open to the public. A schedule including dates, times, locations, and age guidelines is at [www.FargoLibrary.org](http://www.FargoLibrary.org).

## SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES

Heroes and stories are the theme for the library's 2015 Summer Reading Program, and exciting events are planned for all ages – kids, teens and adults! Visit the library's website at [www.FargoLibrary.org](http://www.FargoLibrary.org) or the online calendar of events to find activities for you and your family.

Starting June 1, kids ages 12 and younger are invited to stop by any Fargo Public Library location and register for the Summer Reading Program. The theme is "Every Hero Has a Story" and it promises another summer of engaging programs and activities! Once registered, kids track the

# Fargo Public Library

## PAUL BUNYAN: LOGGIN', LEGENDS & LORE

Kids of all ages are invited to hear stories of Paul Bunyan, the larger-than-life lumberjack, at two special events on Thursday, July 16. Join actor David Ward as he presents a humorous, fact filled, 50 minutes of some of the most outrageous tales from Paul Bunyan lore. Meet Hot Biscuit Slim and Ole the Big Swede, who were personal friends of Paul, and see Paul's giant baby bottle and pacifier. Then learn about the logging industry and how that time in history was influential in building our communities in the upper Midwest. Performances will be held at 4 p.m. at the Dr. James Carlson Library and at 6:30 p.m. at the Northport Branch. No registration is required. This event is made possible by The Friends of the Fargo Public Library and The Learning Forum. For details, contact Children's Services at 241-1495 or visit the library's website, [www.FargoLibrary.org](http://www.FargoLibrary.org).

## Summer concert series

A special highlight of this summer's reading program is the four concerts being held at the library. All concerts are free and open to the public. Contact the Main Library Information Desk at (701) 241-1492 for details.

- **Saturday, June 13:** 188th Army Band Brass Quintet. 2 p.m. at the downtown Main Library.
- **Tuesday, July 21:** Navy Band Brass Quintet. 1 p.m. at the Dr. James Carlson Library.
- **Tuesday, July 21:** Navy Band Jazz Quintet. 6:30 p.m. at the downtown Main Library.
- **Wednesday, July 22:** Navy Band Woodwind Quintet. 1 p.m. at the Northport Library.



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## *21st Annual Community Picnic June 16*



*Children try out Officer James Kringlie's police motorcycle at the Annual Community Picnic.*

The Fargo Police Department will host the 21st Annual Community Picnic on Tuesday, June 16 at Island Park from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Come out to this free event to meet local law enforcement and other agencies throughout the community while enjoying Red River Valley Zoo animals, pony rides, and inflatable games, courtesy of Games Galore. Free caricatures will also be available, sponsored by Xcel Energy.

The Fraternal Order of Police will be serving hotdogs, brats and burgers with all proceeds benefitting the local lodge. Free chips, courtesy of Old Dutch, and free ice cream treats, courtesy of Cass Clay, will be available while supplies last.

Free parking will be available at the Island Park parking ramp during the event.

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